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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 10/9/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/9/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ivan Goldberg on 12/19/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A mounting device for roller blinds comprising a terminating plug (1) adapted to be mounted on an end of ~~[[for]]~~ a roller blind tube, the plug having an axis adapted to be coaxial with the axis of the blind tube, said plug having an oblong hole (2) for interaction with a spade-shaped element (3) on a mounting bracket (F), in which at least one longer side (4) of the hole being shaped as an essentially plane surface parallel to ~~[[an]]~~ the axis of the plug at a distance from said axis ~~[[corresponding to half a thickness of the spade-shaped element (3)]]~~, and that there is provided a lock, which is constituted of ~~[[an inside of a slit]]~~ a circular ring (8) having a slit therein, rotatable to ~~[[locking]]~~ lock around said spade-shaped element (3) upon mounting, characterised in that the ring (8) is carried by a cylindrical part (5) extending from an end of the terminating plug (1) that is fitted so as to have an axis that is eccentric ~~[[eccentrically]]~~ with respect to the axis of the ~~[[tube]]~~ plug, and where ~~[[a]]~~ another longer side of the hole is constituted by the inner surface of the ring (8) , the

space between the one longer side and the other longer side is adapted to receive the spade-shaped element so as to be coaxial with the axis of the plug.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

Claim 2 (currently amended): A mounting device for roller blinds comprising a terminating plug (1) adapted to be mounted on an end of [[for]] a roller blind tube, the plug having an axis adapted to be coaxial with the axis of the blind tube, said plug having an oblong hole (2) for interaction with a spade-shaped element (3) on a mounting bracket (F), the oblong hole having opposing longer sides and opposing shorter sides, and that there is provided a lock, which is constituted of [[an inside of a slit]] a circular ring (8) having a slit therein, rotatable to [[locking]] lock around said spade-shaped element (3) upon mounting, characterised in that the ring (8) is carried by a cylindrical part (5) extending from an end of the terminating plug (1) that is fitted so as to have an axis that is eccentric [[eccentrically]] with respect to the axis of the [[tube]] plug, and the shorter sides (6, 7) of the hole are disposed as cuts in the cylinder (5) [[which carries the ring (8)]], with [[a distance between them corresponding to a width of]] the oblong hole adapted to receive the spade-shaped element (3).

In claim 3:

Line 2, "corresponding" has been changed to - - adapted to correspond - - ;

Line 3, after "blind", - - tube - - has been inserted;

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Line 3, "that it is" has been changed to - - the ring being - - ;

Line 3, "a" has been changed to - - the - - ;

Line 4, after "location", - - of the ring - - has been inserted.

In claim 4:

Line 3, "the" has been changed to - - a - - .

In claim 5:

Line 2, "the" (second occurrence) has been changed to - - a diameter of the - - ;

Line 3, "while" has been changed to - - when - - ;

Lines 3-4, "by means of a diameter conversion ring" has been deleted.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

Claim 6 (currently amended): A [[use of a]] mounting device according to claim 4, further characterised in that two roller blind brackets (F) are fitted [[with]] at a distance that corresponds to the length of the roller blind tube with fabric wound around it and with respective terminating plugs (1) at its ends, [[that]] the rings (8) are [[rotated]] rotatable into a position such that the oblong holes (2) are opened, that the roller blind tube is [[lifted]] liftable to interact with [[the]] respective spade-shaped elements (3) at both ends by means of accessing the [[opened]] oblong holes (2) through the slits , [[that]] the rings (8) [[are again]] being rotatable [[rotated]] to close the holes (2) and [[hence


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ensure]] thereby securing the end plugs (1) against turning and [[to retain]] retaining the roller blind.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blair M. Johnson whose telephone number is (571) 272-6830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on (571) 272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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